

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**KILMARNOCK SOUTH LOCAL COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 25 NOVEMBER 1998 AT 1400 HOURS IN BELLFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE, WHATRIGGS ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Jane Darnbrough and Alan Campbell; and Community Representatives John Gibb, Margaret Shaw, Allan Faulds and Anne McRoberts.

ATTENDING: May Martindale, Divisional Manager (Social Work); Denis Craig, Principal Officer (Recreation); Gerry Docherty, Area Housing Manager; Robert Robb, Recycling Officer; Hugh Mitchell, Police Liaison Officer; John Spooner, Business Development Manager; Bill Walkinshaw, Principal Administrative Officer; Anne Marie Carr, Administrative Officer and Eddie O'Connor, Senior Community Education Worker.

APOLOGIES: Provost Robert Stirling and Hugh Moore, Community Representative.

CHAIR: Councillor Jane Darnbrough, Chair.

PREVIOUS MINUTE**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 21 OCTOBER 1998**

1. There was submitted, for information and noted, the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 21 October 1998 (circulated).

1.1 PILOT DOG FOULING SCHEME - PROGRESS REPORT

Arising from consideration of the above Minutes, Councillor Campbell expressed concern regarding the incidence of dog fouling within Riccarton Cemetery and also highlighted a problem regarding attacks by Greyhound and Jack Russell breeds of dog on local wildlife.

It was agreed that the Police Liaison Officer would liaise with his colleagues regarding this matter and that the matter be brought to the attention of the Director of Community Services.

COMMUNITY GRANTS**COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME**

2. There was submitted a report dated 9 November 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which outlined the financial position for 1998/99 together with a statement summarising the pertinent information relative to outstanding applications for Community Grant received from local organisations.

The Committee took the following decisions:-

Applications Approved (for the purpose specified on the application), viz:-

- (a) Young People

Shortlees Whizz Kids - to make a grant of up to £430 and that it be remitted to the Director of Support Services in consultation with the Chair to finalise payment of the grant for the Group's trip following receipt of further details and that no award be made in connection with the application for the purchase of equipment as a range of existing equipment was available and the application as submitted did not represent value for money.

East Ayrshire Youth Association - £200;

(c) Older People

Leisure and Pleasure Club - £120;

Applications Continued (for further information) viz:-

(a) Pre-fives

Noah's Ark Crèche.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

DEVELOPING THE COUNCIL'S DECENTRALISATION SCHEME

3. There was submitted a report dated 9 September 1998 (circulated) by the Chief Executive which advised that, as part of a review of the Council's Decentralisation Scheme, a panel of Councillors would visit every Local Committee during the year to consult on the development of the Scheme.

It was reported and noted that the panel of Councillors scheduled to visit the Local Committee today were unable to attend but that arrangements would be made for their visit to be rescheduled for the meeting of the Local Committee on 27 January 1999.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the consultation process which had been undertaken as part of the review of the Council's Decentralisation Scheme be noted;
- (ii) that any issues regarding the operation of the Decentralisation Scheme be drawn to the attention of the Consultation Panel when they visit the Local Committee on 27 January 1999; and
- (iii) to note that a report on the findings of the Consultation Panel would be presented to a meeting of the Local Committee during 1999.

LOCAL COMMUNITY FORUM - 13 OCTOBER 1998

4. There was submitted and noted a report dated 5 November 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which advised of the outcome of the second meeting of the Kilmarnock South Local Community Forum for the financial year 1998/99 which had been held as part of the Council's Adopted Scheme for Decentralisation.

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE/SUBSTITUTE - RESIGNATION

5. It was reported and noted (i) that, arising from the dissolution of Riccarton Community Council, Les Bullock and William Agnew had each submitted a letter intimating their resignation as Community Representative and Substitute Community Representative respectively for Kilmarnock South Local Committee; and (ii) that the

Administrative Officer would be writing to those remaining within Riccarton who were understood to be interested still in forming a Community Council to advise them of the procedure which should be followed.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

NATIONAL SPRING CLEAN 1999 - COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

6. There was submitted a report dated 23 October 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of National Spring Clean in East Ayrshire in 1999.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Council's aim of increasing the number of events and projects in 1999 be encouraged; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

OPERATION SPOTLIGHT

7. There was submitted a report dated 26 October 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of the nature and results of "Spotlight" operations over the preceding six week period and advised of forthcoming initiatives.

Arising from concerns expressed regarding speeding incidents in the Caprington Avenue/Central Avenue of Shortlees, it was agreed that the Police Liaison Officer investigate the feasibility of a "plate" being installed at the above location and that he liaise with his traffic colleagues regarding the possibility of monitoring the situation and report.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that any local problems which may be addressed by a "Spotlight" operation be identified by the Local Committee; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

PROVISION OF RECYCLING FACILITIES

8. There was submitted a report dated 21 October 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of the provision of recycling facilities together with proposals on how these facilities could be extended.

It was agreed to continue consideration of this item to enable the Recycling Officer (i) to provide a photograph of the type of recycling container which had been proposed for use as a material recovery facility (MRF); (ii) to make the necessary arrangements for the Chair to view the container which had been proposed for use within the Local Committee's area; and (iii) to allow the Community Representatives a further period of time to consider the suitability of the proposed recycling sites identified in the report and to identify any alternative sites.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

ECONOMIC REGENERATION AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT - REPORT FOR PERIOD JANUARY TO JULY 1998

9. There was submitted and noted a report dated 10 November 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which advised of work carried out by the Development Services Department in terms of local economic regeneration and financial support and ongoing business development assistance to companies located with the Local Committee area, during the period from January to July 1998.

SOCIAL WORK

URBAN PROGRAMME - SUPERVISING OFFICER'S REPORT - CHASE PROJECT

10. There was submitted a report dated 11 November 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work which advised the Local Committee on the work of the Community Health and Safer Environment (CHASE) Project which had been an urban programme funded project operating within the Shortlees area of Kilmarnock.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Director of Social Work report to the Local Committee on an annual basis, the activity in relation to urban programme projects; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

SOCIAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME

11. There was submitted a report dated 27 October 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work which advised of the Social Inclusion Partnership Initiative which had been promoted by The Scottish Office and which had advised of the opportunities it provided for East Ayrshire Council and its partners.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that Community Representatives may forward any issues relevant to the Social Inclusion Partnership Programme relative to the Local Committee area to the Director of Social Work;
- (ii) that the Local Committee would encourage participation in the planned partnership conference scheduled for December 1998 detailed in the report; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

OLDER PEOPLE'S STRATEGY

12. There was submitted a report dated 2 November 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work which sought to consult the Local Committee on the Older People's Strategy which had been attached as an Appendix to the report.

It was agreed that any comment which the Local Committee wished to make on the Older People's Strategy should be forwarded to the Depute Director of Social Work (Community Care) no later than 10 January 1999.

CORPORATE ISSUES

CONSULTATION ON NON-STATUTORY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

- 13.** There was submitted a report dated 30 October 1998 (circulated) by the Chief Executive which sought the views on a range of performance indicators which were being proposed for a trial period and which invited comments on the need for any amendment or additions to the indicators from the Local Committee.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the range of trial performance indicators for 1998/99 outlined in the Appendix to the report in terms of Section 3.2 of the report be endorsed; and
- (ii) to note that a further report on the outcome of the consultation process would be made at a future meeting of the Local Committee.

The meeting terminated at 1535 hours.